

put forth in preserving the legacy of late former Senator Kenneth L. Maddy is truly remarkable.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in thanking Don Jackson for his tremendous contributions and outstanding service to the Maddy Institute and Fresno State.

CENTENNIAL OF THE THEODORE
ROOSEVELT DAM

HON. BENJAMIN QUAYLE

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Mr. QUAYLE. Mr. Speaker, next week we will celebrate the centennial of the Theodore Roosevelt Dam; I rise today to recognize the important role this structure has played in Arizona's history.

Drought and floods often plagued the first settlers of our area. In 1902 the National Reclamation Act was signed into law paving the way for a unique public-private partnership that formed the Salt River Valley Water Users Association and later the Salt River Project (SRP). Soon after the Act was signed, residents in the area pledged their land to the Federal Government in order to build the Roosevelt Dam on the Salt River.

Completed in 1911, just one year before Arizona gained statehood, the Roosevelt Dam helped our area flourish, first as a farming community and then as a growing population center. As the Valley landscape changed, SRP also adapted to the changing needs of the community by delivering water to both city treatment plants and farms.

The history and growth of our area all began 100 years ago with the dedication of the Roosevelt Dam—it helped transform the Valley into one of the largest metropolitan regions in the country. Roosevelt Dam services an area covering more than 375 square miles and a 13,000 square mile watershed. I wish to honor this structure for the important role it plays in meeting Arizona's water and power needs, both in the past and into the next century.

HONORING KATRINA LAFFOON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Katrina Laffoon. Katrina is a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Girl Scouts of the USA and earning the high honor of the Gold Award.

Katrina's outstanding achievement reflects her hard work and dedication. Katrina has exhibited unique and creative examples of service that have made a difference in her community. I am confident that she will continue to hold herself to the highest standards in the future. This is an accomplishment for which Katrina can take pride in for the rest of her life.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Katrina Laffoon for her accom-

plishments with the Girl Scouts of the USA and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of the Gold Award.

HONORING THE MISSISSIPPI ARMY
NATIONAL GUARD 287TH FROM
LUCEDALE, MISSISSIPPI

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the hard work and determination of a group of my fellow soldiers who have recently returned home to Mississippi after a long deployment in Afghanistan.

Over 100 troops from the Mississippi Army National Guard 287th from Lucedale, MS have just finished a yearlong deployment in Paktia Province. These brave soldiers have been providing route clearance, removing improvised explosive devices and roadside bombs allowing their fellow troops serving our Nation safe passage.

The 287th faced danger and uncertainty every day. I am truly honored to represent these brave Americans in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Having served in the military, I believe that all of our soldiers deserve the utmost respect from all of those they protect. I ask that my colleagues here in Washington and the American people take a moment to thank these selfless men and women and continue to keep all of the brave men and women serving our Nation in their thoughts and prayers.

THE EXTENT OF RADICALIZATION
IN THE AMERICAN MUSLIM COM-
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NITY'S RESPONSE

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my opposition to a hearing being held by our colleagues on the Homeland Security Committee. For those who may not be aware, the House Committee on Homeland Security is currently holding a hearing titled "The Extent of Radicalization in the American Muslim Community and that Community's Response."

I applaud my colleagues' diligence in ensuring that our Nation is safe. However, I am saddened to see that Members of this body feel the only way to do this is by singling out their fellow citizens, most of whom have done nothing wrong.

Mr. Speaker, I was especially saddened to read a quote from the gentleman from New York, Mr. KING, who is quoted in the New York Times as stating, "The threat is coming from the Muslim community." This is a prime example of history repeating itself. I would like to remind my colleagues of the abysmal treatment our nation subjected Japanese-Americans to during World War II. I encourage those who are not familiar with this disdainful period in our history to speak to those who had to live through that degradation and humiliation. In fact, they would not have to go far

as our very own Mr. HONDA of California can speak first-hand as to what he endured at an internment camp in Colorado.

More recently, Mr. Speaker, civil rights groups in the 1960's were subject to espionage and charges of subversion.

Examples such as this go to show us that time and time again this government has seen fit to exclude its own citizens and treat them as an internal threat. All of this, Mr. Speaker, without foundation.

This nation, Mr. Speaker, has always been a rich, diverse landscape of different ethnicities, religions, and cultures. So much so that our founding fathers saw fit to include on our Great Seal the phrase "E pluribus unum", out of many, one. One. One people, one country, one identity. To single out a subgroup out of the greater American identity is blatantly un-American. Our recent history has far too many examples of domestic terrorist that did not stem from the Muslim community. Names such as Timothy McVeigh, Terry Nichols, Ted Kaczynski, Eric Rudolph, The Weather Underground, and the KKK have, unfortunately, become all too familiar in our national dialogue.

All of these, whether an individual or a group, was responsible for reprehensible acts of terrorism on their fellow Americans. None of these has been found to have any connection to the Muslim community—a community that has been helpful to law enforcement in catching suspected terrorists, such as the Times Square bomber.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I would like to remind my colleagues and our constituents of the words of Deputy National Security Advisor, Denis McDonough. Mr. McDonough, this past Sunday, reminded Americans that "In the United States of America, we don't practice guilt by association. And let's remember that just as violence and extremism are not unique to any one faith, the responsibility to oppose ignorance and violence rests with us all."

HONORING MELISSA ANDERSON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Melissa Anderson. Melissa is a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Girl Scouts of the USA and earning the high honor of the Gold Award.

Melissa's outstanding achievement reflects her hard work and dedication. Melissa has exhibited unique and creative examples of service that have made a difference in her community. I am confident that she will continue to hold herself to the highest standards in the future. This is an accomplishment for which Melissa can take pride in for the rest of her life.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Melissa Anderson for her accomplishments with the Girl Scouts of the USA and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of the Gold Award.